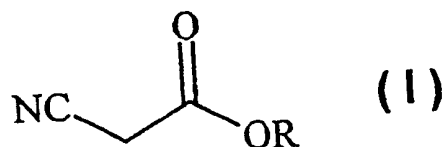


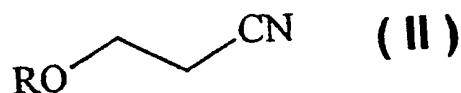
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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method for producing cyanoacetic acid esters of general formula (I):



H3 wherein R represents an optionally substituted linear or branched C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl group or an aryl C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group. According to the method, an alkoxypropionitrile of the general formula (II):



wherein R is defined above, is oxidized to form the desired product in the presence of a catalyst, based on lead or on one of the transition metals, using oxygen or an oxygen-forming reagent.

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